

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/635,652

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the paper filed on 26 February 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-7,9-15,17-24,26-29,32-38,41,42,44 and 45.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## DETAILED ACTION

### Status

Claims 2-7, 9-15, 17-24, 26-29, 32-38, 41, 42, 44 and 45 are pending

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 2-7, 9-15, 17-24, 26-29, 32-38, 41, 42, 44 and 45 are allowed over the prior art record.

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The closest prior art of record Bonissone et al. (US Patent 6,141,648) teaches a method for estimating the price per square foot of real property. MT199310 AG teaches how to cultivate a successful lawn. Ueda (JP 10091334) teaches a system for estimating job costs.

What they fail to teach or suggest:

A. Accessing a memory including information in a preexisting real estate database determining the area of one of the one or more real properties processing the determined area to generate an estimate of the cost of a landscaping or property maintenance service.

These distinct features renders claims 2,3,5,6,7,9,10,17,18,20,22,23 and 44 allowable.

Claims 4, 11-15, 19, 21, 24 and 45 are dependant on these allowed claims and are allowed for at least the same reasons.

B. A real estate database to store information describing one or more real properties including area of the properties and a processor-to access the stored information and to process an area of one of the real properties to generate an estimate of cost for the landscaping or maintenance service using based on the area of the real property.

These distinct features renders claims 26, 29, 32, 37 and 41 allowable.

Claims 27,28,33-36,38 and 42 are dependant on these allowed claims and are allowed for at least the same reasons.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M Winter whose telephone number is (571) 272-6712. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6, 1st Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P Trammell can be reached on (571) 272-6713. The fax phone

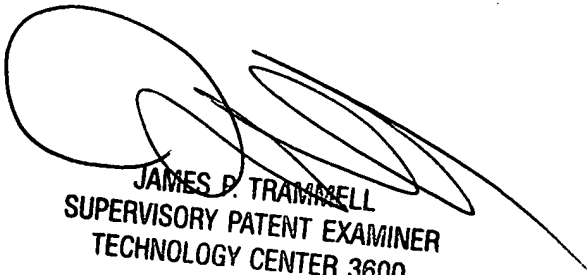
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numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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